

I am a retired merchant mariner, having held an unlimited Master's license for 16 years. Sailing on ships carrying military cargo in both the VietNam War and the 1991 Gulf War, I know the importance of having U.S. flagged vessels to support our national interests. Therefore, I urge you strongly to consider favorably Maersk's request to transfer the 15 Maritime Security Program operating agreements from U.S. Ship Management to Maesk Line, Limited. This will assure the continuing capability of U.S. flagged ships to support our national interests.